

U. S. NAVY SENDS DESTROYER FLOTILLA TO WAR-ZONE

WAR FLYER GIVES AMERICANS PRAISE FOR GOOD SERVICES

Sub-Lieut. K. Ross Munro, on Way Back to West Front Tells of Fine Work and Bravery of Allies' Birdmen

On the way back to the western front where he will again take up his duties with the English flying squadron and do his bit towards driving the Teuton invaders out of France, Flight Sub-Lieut. K. Ross Munro of Australia passed through Honolulu recently, with his young wife whom he had married just before leaving Australia.

At the outbreak of the war Lieutenant Munro went with the first Australian troops to Egypt and later to Gallipoli where he was wounded, the bullet smashing a hole through his mouth and lodging in his throat. He was taken to England and upon recovery joined the aero service. Following his course in aerobatics he was sent to the west front where he remained, taking part in many air battles until two months ago when he was granted a furlough.

Warrior Praises Americans
Lieutenant Munro was rolicent concerning his own exploits in the air but highly praised the Americans who are fighting with the English and French troops and particularly those who are with him in the flying arm of the service.

From his remarks, however, it was clearly evident that he was anxious to get back and as he talked of the life on the front with each day bringing new problems to solve and the life of every man as he takes his daily turn over a battle field hanging by a slender thread an idea of what life there means and the feelings of the men could be obtained.

"What is One Man?"
In speaking of the many aviators who had fallen to their death from shot or accident, he remarked, "But what is one man?" and that short, terse sentence explains better than anything else the attitude of the English and French soldier and will probably characterize our own soldiers when they finally go into battle against the Germans.

Lieutenant Munro said it took him just a few hours to learn to fly. "I had an instructor for two and a half hours and after that I flew alone," he said. "After about 14 flights I had confidence in myself and was able to go anywhere, and in two weeks time was leading the loop." He was assigned to the little scout machines driven and manned by one aviator who is also called upon to shoot the machine gun when attacked.

Lieutenant Munro told of one incident when he was attacked by three German machines at once and after a sharp fight drove them off. "I looked rather bad for a time," he said, "but I managed to plane above them and forced them to retire." At another time he said his engine had died when he was far inside the German lines but he had managed to plane back to his own lines. He has also had a couple of bad falls as was indicated by scars on his face but was never seriously injured. He said he had never shot down a German by himself but is flying for the day when it occurs.

PRESIDENT DEAN TALKS ON FOOD QUESTION TODAY

President Arthur L. Dean of the College of Hawaii, executive secretary of the food commission, was the principal speaker at the Ad Club lunch held today at the Alexander Young hotel. He selected as his topic "Food Conservation" and the effect that it has on Hawaii.

President Dean's talk was timely inasmuch as the question of food conservation is one of the biggest problems which must be met during war time. The speaker outlined a number of important points which have a bearing on the present situation.

Robert Stever, who is at the head of the stock and bond department of the Bishop-Trust Company, told of the Liberty Loan which will raise \$7,000,000 for Uncle Sam to carry on the present war. He told how this fund is raised, also how it is spent.

Mrs. Charles L. Hall entertained the members of the club with two songs. She was accompanied by Miss Alice Harrison.

LANE'S STOCK HIGHEST ON LOCAL EXCHANGE TODAY

Lane is the favorite for mayor among the stockbrokers of Honolulu. At the session this morning a straw vote was cast and the present mayor received a clear majority of those present. The vote stood Lane 5, Cohen 5 and Fern 1.

All Stocks Up On N. Y. Market

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	67 1/2	67 1/2
American Smelter	100 1/2	97 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	110 1/2	110 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	121	117 1/2
Anaconda Copper	78 3/4	77
Atchafalpa	100	99 1/2
Caldwell Loco.	57 1/2	55 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	68 1/2	68 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	113 1/2	112 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	19	17 1/2
Canadian Pacific	160 1/2	158 1/2
C. & N. P. (St. Paul)	72 1/2	71
Colo. Fuel & Iron	60 1/2	58
Crucible Steel	67 1/2	65 1/2
Edison Common	23 1/2	23
General Electric	157	154
General Motors, New	104 1/2	104 1/2
Grat. Northern Pfd.	104 1/2	103 1/2
Inter. Marv. N. J.	4 1/2	4 1/2
Kennecott Copper	46 1/2	44
Lehigh R. R.	80 1/2	79 1/2
New York Central	88 1/2	87
Pennsylvania	52	51 1/2
Ray Consol.	29	28 1/2
Reading Common	87 1/2	85 1/2
Southern Pacific	91 1/2	90 1/2
Studebaker	89	87 1/2
Texas Oil	207 1/2	204 1/2
Union Pacific	134	133
U. S. Steel	120 1/2	118 1/2
Utah	118 1/2	117 1/2
Western Union	48 1/2	48 1/2
Westinghouse	48 1/2	48 1/2

SUGAR.
SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Sugar: 96 cent, 902 cents. Previous quotation, 9123 cents.

KEWANEKE TAKES CONFESSION BACK

Boy Claims He Was Promised Liberty if He Made an Avowal of Guilt

Taking the witness stand in his own defense this morning, Keawe Kewaneke, charged with the murder of George and Kana Kana, declared he had told City Attorney A. M. Brown and others that he had killed the boys because he had been promised by Attorney W. J. Sheldon that if he would make such a statement he would be let go, and that if he did not make it he would be hanged.

He asserted that when he was taken to Sheldon's office several days after his arrest, he had denied any knowledge of the crime, but that Sheldon told him he would go free if he would make a confession. He told Sheldon, in response to a question, he testified that there had been a puzzle game in the house where the boys were murdered, and asserted that Sheldon told him to do something with regard to the puzzle that would intimate that it had caused a row among the three boys.

"I told him, 'What shall I say?'" Kewaneke testified, in effect, "and he told me to think it over. He told me to make up something. I told him I knew nothing."

Kewaneke then told of making the purported confession in the presence of Brown, Detective McDuffie and others. He said that to them he had made the statement that he had killed the boys. "But it was not true," the boy declared.

"What was your reason for telling this lie, if it was a lie?" asked Attorney Andrews.

"Because Sheldon said if I didn't make the statement I would be hanged," he answered, "and that if I did I would be let go."

Kewaneke said his mother was present when he made the statement to Brown and the others, and that she was told, "Your son has said he killed the boys." The witness declared his mother answered "No."

When first called to the stand Kewaneke testified he had not seen the murder until he went to their house with their mother and saw them lying on the floor dead. An old Hawaiian woman testified that, about 11 o'clock on the morning of the murder, she had seen a man running away from the vicinity and up the side of the hill.

The case probably will not go to the jury until tomorrow.

REORGANIZATION NOW FOR G. O. P. COUNTY COMMITTEE

Chairman Walter Coombs of the Republican county committee has called a meeting for next Monday night, 7:30, hall of supervisors, for reorganization of the committee, immediately following the primaries. The new members have been named, but officers are to be elected. During the primary campaign the committee officially takes no part, but once the committee takes charge of the campaign.

Among those suggested as chairmanship possibilities are Harry A. Franson, Eddie Fogarty and William Hall.

YOUNGEST LAWYER IN HONOLULU IS NAMED ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Cornell S. Franklin Will Succeed William H. Heen When Latter Takes Bench

Honolulu's youngest attorney, Cornell S. Franklin, has been chosen by Attorney-General I. M. Stainback as successor to William H. Heen, second deputy attorney-general, whose appointment as third judge of the local circuit court has been confirmed by the senate.

Franklin will assume his duties immediately upon the retirement of Heen from the attorney-general's office, which probably will be on the first of next month. Heen intends to wait until his commission arrives by mail before qualifying.

Since his arrival in Honolulu on October 12, 1914, Franklin has been associated with the law firm of Thompson, Milverton & Cathart and has won for himself a host of friends in legal, court and other circles. He is a nephew of Malcolm A. Franklin, collector of the port, and is 25 years old.

Franklin, whose home was in Columbus, Miss., received his literary and law degrees at the University of Mississippi, and is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Mr. Franklin was asked if he would accept the position of deputy attorney-general about a month ago, the feeling at that time being that Heen's appointment as circuit judge would be confirmed. He accepted the appointment only recently.



CORNELL S. FRANKLIN

GERMAN VESSELS HAVE LEFT PORT

Manoa Will Take No Passengers on Her Next Voyage, is Now Announced

Three of the eight German refugee merchant steamers which have been in Honolulu harbor since the outbreak of the war and were taken over by the federal authorities when this country declared war on Germany, have left the islands in tow of other steamers. They are the Seta, Holstia and O. J. D. Ahlers.

These steamers were overhauled and cleaned here and at their destination will have their engines repaired and made ready for service at sea. When the first of the German vessels left, the machinery was disabled, which necessitated their being towed.

It is said that at least four of the remaining German merchantmen will be repaired here, as will be the two vessels now at Pearl Harbor.

It was learned today that when the Matson steamer Manoa again leaves this port she will not take passengers. No reason was given by the agents, Castle & Cooke, but it is expected it is because she will tow one of the German refugee steamers.

FOOD COMMISSION HOLD CONFERENCE

Following a two-hour meeting of the territorial food commission at the board room of the Planters' Association this morning, it was announced that the commission had held a conference with Gen. Strong, commanding the Hawaiian Department, on matters of military organization and that the commission is making progress in working out its plans. The governor, the Hawaiian Department and the food commission are all at work on mutual problems, the solution of which will aid in meeting the present emergency, both military and agricultural.

GIRLS BEGIN TO RAISE OWN FOOD

That the slogan "Grow Your Own Food" is one well worth adopting and adhering to is the opinion of the students at the girls' industrial school and, as a result, they are now tilling the soil with as much energy as men and boys throughout the islands.

Every bit of available ground at the school is being cultivated, and some excellent crops are anticipated before very long. It was announced today that the school could use a hundred acres to advantage, if it could get it, largely because of the interest the girls are taking not only in farming but in the necessity of growing all possible foodstuffs for home consumption.

"If we had the land we would raise pigs and grow sweet potatoes," says Miss Sadie C. Sterritt, the principal.

Miss Robert C. Foy, 9th F. A.; 1st Lieut. William E. Dorman, 4th Cav., and 1st Lieut. John E. Ardrey, 32d Inf., all of whom arrived on the last transport, will be examined for promotion, according to word today at army headquarters.

ARMY BIDS SHOW PRICES SOARING

Opening of Tenders for Provisions Show Large Rises Over Last Year

Bids opened yesterday in the office of the supply quartermaster on provisions for the army during June show that prices in general are higher than for last year or for last month. Coffee, which last year sold for 8.5 cents a pound, brought yesterday the modest price of 13.49, which is an increase of more than 1 cent on the price a month ago. Rice had dropped nearly 1 cent from last month, but stood 2 1/2 cents higher than in 1916.

Other prices yesterday were as follows: Potatoes, 5.24; onions, 3.9; coffee, 21; sugar, 7.83; bacon, 39.72; cheese, 24.7; flour, 7; ham, 28.8; macaroni, 7.48.

Last month the prices stood as follows: Potatoes, 6.3; onions, 3.3; coffee, 21; sugar, 8.7; bacon, 34.7; cheese, 23.8; flour, 5.3; ham, 27.8; macaroni, 6.

Last year's figures were: Potatoes, 2.25; onions, 2.3; coffee, 19.4; sugar, 6.7; bacon, 23; cheese, 18.5; flour, 2.8; ham, 18.7; macaroni, 5.5.

P. M. SMOOT WINNER OF CAPTAINCY, RESERVE CORPS, IN INFANTRY



P. M. SMOOT

P. M. Smoot, well-known auto man of Honolulu and a strong supporter of military organization in the present emergency, has won a captaincy in the line, infantry, officers' reserve corps. His commission came yesterday, dated April 28, just seven weeks after he took his examination. He took the oath of office immediately before Capt. Gallogly.

Mr. Smoot, of Smoot & Steinhauser, is one of only three men in Hawaii who have won these line captaincies in the reserve corps. The other two are Gus Schaefer and Rev. C. H. McVey of Kalihui Union Church. McVey has already gone to the States and is expected to go into active service. Smoot is holding himself in readiness for any call.

He has been a resident of Honolulu for five years and had nine years' naval experience, five as an officer, before coming here. He served two years with the National Guard of Hawaii.

Smoot & Steinhauser is a firm that

Milyukoff Out, Russia Cabinet In Big Shakeup

(That the situation in Russia may not be as chaotic as telegraphic news published this morning indicated is shown by the latest developments, which hint at a new ministry.)

PETROGRAD, Russia, May 16.—Paul Milyukoff, minister of foreign affairs and one of the leaders in the recent revolution, has resigned his portfolio in the provisional cabinet because of the friction and disorder growing in the country and the opposition he is meeting. M. Tereshchenko, minister of finance, has been appointed by the council to succeed him.

F. Kerensky, former minister of justice and a Socialist, has been named minister of war and marine.

A despatch published this morning said:

PETROGRAD, Russia, May 16.—Disorganization almost anarchy is growing throughout all of Russia. It has already attained such proportions that it is doubtful if it can be checked by the hastily formed and much belated "reconciliation council" which the temporary government has formed to appeal to the masses of the people as a sort of coalition cabinet. The movement among the masses has received tremendous impetus, and the people apparently fail utterly to understand or respond to the appeals which the officials of the government are making to them to stand fast against the machinations of the German secret agents.

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
PETROGRAD, Russia, May 16.—The council that is in charge of the affairs of the new republic of Russia issued an appeal yesterday to the Socialists of Germany to prevent their troops being hurled upon the western front in order to crush France and then to dash upon Russia. The council warned the German Socialists that this plan of the Kaiser's was bound to fail and would result in disaster to Germany and to the Socialists of that country.

"For," warned the council, "the troops of the Kaiser will in the end crush you."

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
BERLIN, Germany, May 16.—Definite steps toward making Germany a republic, followed in the wake of Russia, are being openly advocated in the reichstag. Herr Ledebour, the famous Socialist leader, told the reichstag yesterday that it is impossible for Germany to win a war of subjugation. He then went further and expressed the firm conviction that revolution must come in Germany as it came recently in Russia and that the house of Hohenzollern must fall before the people as the house of Romanoff fell in Russia.

Ledebour concluded his sensational speech with the statement:

"I shall propose a constitutional committee to take preparatory steps in the direction of introducing a republic."

Big Loan To Russia

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The government today made its first loan to Russia of \$100,000,000, deposited as a credit reserve in the bank to finance the purchase of supplies for the Russians. The total advanced to the Allies is now \$825,000,000.

THREE AUTO COLLISIONS REPORTED BY POLICEMEN FOR TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Sam Ferrera, popular motorcycle policeman, is walking with a limp and a cane today as the result of one of three auto collisions which were reported to the police for yesterday. Ferrera sustained a badly torn ankle which will put him on the sick list for a few days.

The accident occurred at the corner of Keeaumoku and Mallock streets where Ferrera's motorcycle and a Cadillac car of G. F. Bush met. According to Ferrera's story the Bush car, driven by Albert Bush, turned mauka from Mallock into Keeaumoku, cutting the corner. Neither machine was going fast but the street was slippery and Ferrera was afraid if he applied his brakes he would be precipitated under the Cadillac. As it was about \$10 worth of damage was done to his motorcycle. Sheriff Rose is investigating the case.

Another car just one number higher, 1252, listed as the property of Joaquin Rodriguez, struck Ah Ki's runabout at Beretania and Fort streets and L. H. Lun and A. H. Beeton were in a collision with their cars on Merchant street near Bishop.

has made a loyal record for enlistment of its men in the guard. Sam Steinhauser is in the enlisted men's reserve, and Frederick Moore, the cashier, is in the signal corps. Several employees are guardsmen.

ITALIAN 'DRIVE' ON ISONZO FRONT SMASHES POSITIONS OF AUSTRIANS; PRISONERS TAKEN

Two Days' Concentrated Artillery Fire Followed By Infantry Thrusts—Valuable Positions Conquered

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
LONDON, England, May 16.—The British admiralty today announced the arrival of a flotilla of American destroyers in British waters.

LONDON, England, May 16.—The British in the fighting on the west front today captured most of the lost ground in the neighborhood of Bullecourt, and established new posts on the west side of the village.

Severe fighting is in progress north of the Scarpe river.

BERLIN, Germany, May 16.—Announcement was made by the war office today that 600 meters of trenches east of Laneville, on the west front, were captured today.

Italians Break Down Austrian Positions By Heavy Artillery

ROME, Italy, May 16.—The new Italian drive on the Austrian front after months of inactivity is achieving important results.

The Italians today carried out a series of sharp assaults which guaranteed success for the movement that began four days ago. The drive on the Isonzo front is continuing steadily.

The intense artillery fire which preceded the infantry assaults began on the morning of May 12, and continued almost without cessation until the morning of May 14. The heavy artillery of the Italians smashed the Austrian positions and prepared the way for the soldiers. The drum-fire was especially severe. The Austrians attempted to reply with certain fire. Towards noon the Italian infantry attacked. Valuable Austrian positions were taken. Up to date the capture of 3375 prisoners and 30 machine guns has been reported.

Explosion at Fort Brady

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
SAULT STE. MARIE, Michigan, May 16.—Six men were killed today and several injured in an explosion at the end of the Fort Brady pier, on Lake Michigan. Most of those killed and injured were laborers.

It is believed that dynamite stored under the dock exploded. An investigation is in progress, but no details of it can be learned.

War Budget In Congress

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The senate today discussed the war budget in executive session.

The house passed the bill in open session.

Raider Taken To Australia

President E. I. Spaulding of the Bank of Honolulu today received a letter from Sydney, dated April 21, in which the writer mentions his arrival there by steamship and his fellow-passengers upon their good luck, for, he said, a few days before arrival a German raider had been captured and was then being taken to a harbor. It was further stated that the censorship had caused the news of the capture to be suppressed.

ADEQUATE ENDOWMENT FOR PRIOR SCHOOL IS BEING QUIETLY SOUGHT

Since April 27 an earnest but quiet appeal has been made to secure an adequate endowment for St. Andrew's primary school, L. Fennay Peck, R. B. Anderson, John Guild and William Thompson being members of a committee assisting Bishop Henry Bond Restarick in the campaign.

On May 30, when the jubilee anniversary of the priory will be held and signal honors paid to Sisters Beatrice and Albertina, who arrived here in 1867, it is expected that the total amount of the subscriptions will be known. In part, a circular letter by the committee reads as follows:

"We believe that the men and women of the church will be glad to help us raise the endowment for this school which has done such excellent work for the daughters of the Hawaiian Islands, and that they will see the fitness of making the fund a memorial of 50 years' work by Sisters Beatrice and Albertina."

The priory was opened May 20, 1867.

Dr. Ephraim Cutler, a prominent food expert and microscopist, died at his home in West Falmouth, Mass.

Hilo Harbor Busy Lately

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless.)
HILO, Hawaii, May 16.—The Hilo harbor was clear of shipping for the first time yesterday in more than two years.

BABY DAUGHTER IS BORN TO MR. AND MRS. PAUL ISENBERG IN CALIFORNIA

Telegraphic information reached relatives and friends here this morning from Paul Isenborg, at present residing in Sierra Madre, California, advising the arrival yesterday of a baby daughter, Dora Jane. Both mother (formerly Miss Bertha Kopke of this city) and daughter are doing exceedingly well.

SHAFTER COMPANIES ARE BUSY NOW WITH GARDENS

Gardening work by company organizations is now in full swing at Fort Shafter, according to word from that post today, the ground used being a part of the regular reservation. It was also stated today that a plan is on foot to develop the low land this side of the buildings for rice growing, and to use the upper end of the target range for potatoes. These projects would be supervised by the post exchange officer and would be done by citizen labor. So far it has not been definitely determined to turn them to such use, however.

ROENITZ CASE IS AGAIN POSTPONED

Attorney E. C. Peters, counsel for the defendant, again was engaged in circuit court today and the preliminary hearing of the case of George Roenitz, charged with espionage, was further continued until 3 o'clock next Friday afternoon. Roenitz has not yet been released on bond.